



May 28, 2008

Honorable Edward S. Marion, Administrative Law Judge
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

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Dear Judge Marion:

Enclosed is the Wisconsin's Paper Council's motion requesting full party intervenor status in Public Service Commission Docket 5-EI-144, captioned "Investigation to Assess Wisconsin's Potential for the Development of Wind Energy Resources in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior."

Sincerely,

Earl Gustafson

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VP – Energy, Forestry & Human Resources

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WISCONSIN

Investigation to Assess Wisconsin's Potential for the Development of Wind Energy Resources in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior] 5-EI-144
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Motion to Intervene
By The
Wisconsin Paper Council

The Wisconsin Paper Council moves to intervene as a full party in the above-captioned matter.

Service of Documents and Pleadings

Service of all subsequent documents and pleadings in this case should be submitted to:

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Interest of the Wisconsin Paper Council

- I. The Wisconsin Paper Council (WPC) is the trade association representing the pulp, paper and allied industry in the state. The WPC has been in existence for more than 57 years.
- II. The WPC is comprised of Regular members that are manufacturers of pulp, paper and paperboard products and Associate members supplying goods and services to the industry.

- III. All of the WPC's Regular and Associate members purchase retail electricity from regulated utilities in Wisconsin.
- IV. The paper industry purchases approximately 16.5 trillion British thermal units (BTU) of electricity annually. Individual paper companies purchase \$3.5 million to more than \$12.0 million of electricity annually. Electricity accounts for 15 percent to 20 percent of the average pulp and paper manufacturer's energy needs.
- V. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission's Notice of Investigation states that it intends to "work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and others to: (1) assess the current state of off-shore wind installations around the country and the world; (2) assess the underlying land use/ownership issues for installations on Wisconsin's lakebeds; (3) assess the economic and financial parameters for off-shore wind installations in Wisconsin; (4) identify potential environmental impacts; and (5) identify the extent and scope of local, state, and federal agencies' authority and regulations that might come into play. Other issues may also be identified and investigated."
- VI. The WPSC's Notice of Investigation may reasonably be interpreted to indicate that the costs of electricity generated by utilities and purchased by the WPC's Regular and Associate members may be affected by any findings, recommendations or orders in this proceeding.
- VII. The intervention and participation of the WPC will be in the public interest.
- VIII. The WPC is not now, and will not be, adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding.

Therefore, pursuant to §227.44(2m), Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter PSC 2.21(1), Wisconsin Administrative Rules, the Wisconsin Paper Council respectfully requests full-party intervenor status in the aforementioned proceeding as our direct and substantial interests, and those of our members, will be affected by any decision by the Public Service Commission.

Dated this 28th day of May, 2008.

Earl J. Gustafson

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